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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" That was not the purpose of this conference. The purpose of this conference was to find out

(1) whether work could be provided for workers on more days than at present;

(2) whether work could be started in the factories and the Branch Managers asked to take over the responsibility of treating the labour under favourable conditions."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" Has this enquiry been completed and finalised and if not, how long will it take to complete the same?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is himself aware of how the negotiations have proceeded and how I am not satisfied with the progress so far attained."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த மகாநாட்டில் திருப்திகரமான முடிவுகள் எற்டட முடியவில்லை என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அறிவாரா ? ஆகவே இந்த பிரச்னையைப் பற்றி மீண்டும் ஆராய்ச்சி செய்து முடிவு காண்பதற்கு முக்கூட்டுக் கமிட்டி எற்படுத்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I have not lost all hope yet. What I said was that I was not satisfied with the result of the preliminary negotiations and that they had not been very fruitful. I am still pursuing the matter and I do hope that some kind of amicable settlement would be arrived at soon."

SRI K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry into the complaints received so far from the beedi workers of Malabar regarding the widespread unemployment prevalent among them and the non-payment of the minimum wages prescribed for the beedi workers under the Act by their employees?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of unemployment among beedi workers is not peculiar to Malabar alone, Sir. As a matter of fact it is prevalent in many parts of the State. This conference was limited only to the City of Madras. We thought first of all of doing something to the limited area of Madras. If we achieve good results and if the negotiations turn out to be fruitful, we shall try to extend it to other parts of the State."

Inclusion of certain areas of Elayavur amsam, Chirakkal taluk, in the Cannanore Municipality.

* 68 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received a petition, dated 10th July 1953, signed by 825 people from Elayavur amsam in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, protesting against the proposed inclusion of certain portions of the amsam

in Cannanore Municipal limits and requesting the formation of a separate village panchayat for the whole area; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The petition has been received. Certain other petitions also have been received protesting against the inclusion of the areas in question, among others, in the Cannanore Municipality. The matter is under consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the boundaries of any municipality are extended or contracted to suit party politics of the majority party of the municipality? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" No, Sir. We are not aware of such things."

Allotment of stalls to petty vendors on the southern side of Subhas Chandra Bose Road.

11-30 a.m. * 69 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government directed the Corporation of Madras and the Commissioner of Police. Madras. that the petty vendors should be allotted stalls on the footpaths on the southern side of Subhas Chandra Bose Road on the representation of the merchants on the northern side of the road?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the affirmative, the object being to enable these petty vendors to ply their trade legally and without inconvenience to the public."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சுபாஸ் சந்திரபோஸ் ரோடு தென்புரத்திற்கு வடபுரத்திலிருந்து கடைகளை மாற்றியிருக்கின்றனர். கார்பரேஷன் 4 சதுர அடி விகிதம் 15 கடைகளுக்கு வர்டகை வாங்குகிறார்கள், சிறு கடைக்காரர்களுக்கு துன்பம் நீங்கி இருக்கிறதா இந்த முறையினால் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It involves four or five questions, Sir. A separate question may be put."

Madras Last Grade Service.

* 70 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of changing the words " Inferior Government Servants " as mentioned in the Hon. Minister's reply to starred question No. 263-F as page 666 of the official report of the Madras Legislative Assembly Debates, dated 1st April 1953; and

(*b*) if so, what are the suitable words found out?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Government have changed the nomenclature of the ' Madras Inferior Service ' into the ' Madras Last Grade Service ' and the members of that service are referred to as ' Last Grade Government Servants '."